"ACQUANETTA" CLIVE
... asks $1,000 monthly

## For Son's Support

## 'Acquanetta' Sues Mexican

LOS ANGELES—Suit against Mexican multi-millionaire Luciano Baschuk, 49, asking $1,000 monthly for the support of a son was filed by Mrs. Burnu Acquanetta Clive, 26, in Superior Court here last week.

"Acquanetta," as she is known in films, also asked that the court restrain Baschuk from removing the child, Sergio, 5, from the State of California.

INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE—was disclosed last week when Mrs. Sue Mutersbaugh, whose white husband, Stanley, was slain July 24 by police, signed a petition for Letters of Administration on her dead husband's estate.

Estate is said to be worth $75,000. Mutersbaugh was a dope runner and 'charged' at them, police, who shot him, said.

Mrs. Mutersbaugh, who married the white man 15 years ago, was the former Sue Fullbright, attractive Westside woman. Mutersbaugh owned valuable Central avenue frontage at 32nd and Central, also property in Bakersfield.

At the time of his death, Mrs. Mutersbaugh was prosecuting a divorce action, charging cruelty. But under California law, she and his four children, ranging in ~~age from three to~~ 10, will inherit the German's estate.

Shown with Mrs. Mutersbaugh is her attorney, Curtis C. Taylor.

**Wins Love Nest**—Mrs. Ida Mae Harris, left, (white) of Chattanooga, Tenn., was awarded ownership of the house (lower right) in which she and George Mennifield (upper right) lived as man and wife, in an out-of-court settlement in Los Angeles. With Mennifield is his wife, Ruby.—Smith Photos.

*Cross-Country Tryst Ends*

# Wins Title to Home After Losing Lover

By LIBBY CLARK

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—A Southern woman, who lost her brown-skinned lover to his childhood sweetheart, won title to disputed property in an out-of-court settlement here last week, climaxing a torrid case which covered a spicy triangle.

Mrs. Ida Lee Harris, 36, wife of a reportedly wealthy white Tennessee realtor, was awarded an imposing stucco and redwood dwelling at 3612 Second Avenue, which she and James Mennifield, alias George Lee, had shared as husband and wife from September to December, 1950.

Mennifield settled for household furnishings, a 1950 model automobile, and $3,000 cash upon the advice of his counsel whom he engaged at the last moment following a dispute with his first attorney (white).

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# German Woman Pleads to Keep Negro GI's Home

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CHICAGO — (ANP) — A German woman's request that the United States army stop sending Negro soldiers to Germany was termed "silly and presumptious" last week by Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP.

The request was made by a woman chairman of the Protestant Woman's Clubs of Bavaria at a conference in Nuernberg. The conference was sponsored by the United States high commission to discuss how to make Negro children more welcome in German homes. She said a Negro child in West Germany was "positively the son of an American soldier," and said 3,000 children with Negro blood have been born in West Germany since the end of the war.

White said the woman was not worried about the morality of German women because she did not object to the 50,000 children born there with white American fathers. She said the American High command in Germany should use greater discretion in selecting its speakers and not choose "people who still have their Nazi views as to race."

# Mixed Romance Gets OK

MISS CUNNINGHAM

McALLESTER

The action of Dr. Thomas Elsa Jones in attempting to break up what he termed an "impetuous" inter-racial romance at Earlham college in Richmond, Ind., continued to draw sharp criticism early this week.

Dr. Jones, president of the college and regarded for years as a liberal, two weeks ago requested Robert McAllester, 23-year-old senior, to leave the campus after his engagement to classmate Grace Cunningham, 23, of Berkeley, Calif., was disclosed.

The youth's mother, who resides in Ithaca, N. Y., came out with a new statement last week praising her daughter-in-law-to-be.

Jones' action was deplored also by a Central State college professor, in a letter written to the college head.

"I'm very proud of both of them and I have no fears for their life together because they know what they want and are spiritually and mentally equipped for whatever life holds," Mrs. McAllester stated.

Mrs. McAllester said she took a private poll of her own, interviewing young men and women hitch-hikers before the public knew of the couple's engagement. She found that most of them agreed as she did "that it was wonderful."

Young McAllester and Miss Cunningham met at Earlham more than a year ago. He is continuing his studies at home and both will graduate in June. They are to be married at a Quaker Meeting in Ithaca, June 4.

James T. Henry, professor of geography at Central State college, said in his letter to Dr. Jones:

"I am amazed and shocked that my fellow educators and leaders at your college would suggest or create a situation that would cause Mr. McAllester to leave school because of his love for and engagement to a Negro co-ed.

"I congratulate Mr. McAllester and Miss Cunningham on being Christians and human beings first and incidentally and accidentally Negro and white."

## Earlham And Marriage

Defenders of the policies of Earlham College, from which a white student made his exit last week rather than renounce his betrothal to a colored coed, will contend that this regulation is in the best interests of the students.

There are those, and their number is legion, who frown upon interracial and inter-religious unions on the grounds that the barriers such couples must face complicate a noble institution designed for happiness, not woe.

There is some merit in this contention when we recall that marriage in our complex society is frought with problems enough just earning a living, adjusting personalities and other ramifications without throwing in more emotional elements for possible solution.

We still contend, however, that success or failure in marriage, regardless of race, creed or color, is one which the individuals should determine for themselves without official interference.

The current divorce rates prove that the hazards are just as great where all things are equal as they are when racial differences enter the picture.

If then our job is to insure peaceful and happy marriages which will remain intact 'til death do us part, why doesn't somebody follow this Earlham regulation to its natural conclusion?

If it is imperative that only whites marry whites and only those of the Jewish faith marry members of that faith and Hottentots marry only Hottentots, why not insist that only people with blue eyes marry other blue-eyed people and redheads marry only redheads, etc?

The astrologists have worked out complicated charts and grafts by which they seek to prove that only persons born under certain signs of the Zodiac should be paired with persons born under other signs.

This sounds like a lot of hooey to us and it might seem that way to millions of others, who know only too well that Cupid does not use a personality blueprint when he shoots his arrows into receptive hearts.

Love, and love alone, is supposed to surmount all barriers.

It takes only a look around to see that, if left to outside planning, few couples who have made a success of marital life, might have ever been joined in holy matrimony.

It might be well for Earlham College to give students the best they can in the form of an education. These young people then can make their own decisions about how they will invest their lives.

For any school to single out members of a given race or group and say: "You cannot marry outside your circle", is not only a studied insult to these students, but an invasion of privacy to which no free institution of learning should stoop.

# Jones Under Fire For Interference

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**RICHMOND, Ind. — Dr. Thomas Elsa Jones, widely known educator and one-time president of Fisk university, was under heavy fire this week for attempting to break-up an interracial romance at Earlham college which he now heads.**

Dr. Jones, a Quaker and regarded for years as a liberal, last week requested Robert McAllester, Ithaca, N. Y. senior to leave the campus after his engagement to classmate Grace Cunningham, 22 of Berkeley, Cal., was disclosed.

McAllester, white, is the son of a former Congregational missionary to Africa and is completing his college work elsewhere.

Most outspoken critic of Dr. Jones' action was Mrs. Allen E. McAllester, the young man's mother. "It seems strange," she said, "that a Christian college should feel so strongly against such a union."

She said that both she and her husband had approved the forthcoming marriage and that Miss Cunningham was known to them and had visited their home.

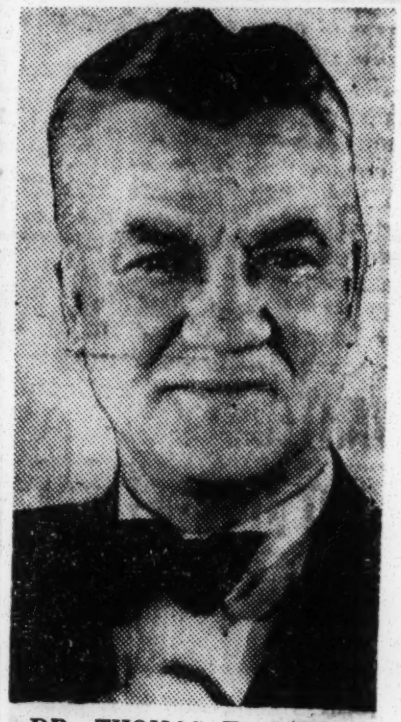
The mother's statement tended to offset Dr. Jones' description of the affair as an "impetuous thing" against which the college should protect the students.

"The college," he said, "does not stand by and let people get into this difficulty without counseling them."

Dr. Jones said the college's objection to interracial marriages is based on "extra problems which may be almost insurmountable in the civilization of today."

Earlham is a small Quaker college here supported by the Society of Friends. It has had a non-segregation policy for years with all students, many of them foreigners, eating and living together regardless of race. The enrollment is about 760.

Many students and faculty members at the school expressed



DR. THOMAS E. JONES

sharp disagreement with Dr. Jones. In spite of the intellectual freedom which Dr. Jones boasts exists at the institution, no one was willing to be quoted by name.

Questioning, however, did disclose that if a college regulation against interracial marriages exists at the school, it has never been made known.

Fellow-students, long aware of the relationship between McAllester and Miss Cunningham, said the affair was not hasty and impetuous. Both the prospective bride and groom are full matured mentally as their senior academic standing would indicate, they said.

"They're not silly teen-age freshmen," one girl remarked.

Persons who have followed the career and pronouncements of Dr. Jones were rather shocked by his attitude. He is widely travelled and during his administration at Fisk university in Nashville professed to be a liberal in racial matters.

He has spoken to Negro college audiences throughout the South and was accepted warmly as a true friend of democratic ideals.

# College Expels Colored Coed's White Sweetheart

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Special to Journal and Guide

RICHMOND, Ind. — Earlham College, a Quaker school which claims of making no distinction among students because of race or religion, has felt it necessary to advise a white student who announced his engagement to a Negro co-ed to leave the college.

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He is Robert McAllester, 23, a senior at Earlham, who has reluctantly agreed to leave the campus, but said he intended to marry the girl in June.

Marriage, Va.

**McALLESTER**, the son of a former missionary to Africa, returned to his home at Ithaca, N. Y., "very disappointed" because school counsellors said he acted hastily in announcing his engagement to Miss Grace Cunningham, 22, of Berkeley, Calif.

While the counsellors advised him to leave the college, they granted him permission to work toward a degree at home and emphasized that he was not expelled although he had violated the school's policy.

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**MISS CUNNINGHAM** remained here to continue her classes.

School officials called the engagement "hasty action taken by the young couple without studied consideration of the consequences."

At Ithaca, McAllester said he was very proud of the way his bride-to-be had taken everything.

He said they planned to be married here June 4, two days after their graduation from Earlham. The ceremony will be performed at the meeting house of the Society of Friends (Quakers).

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**HIS PARENTS**, Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. McAllester, "have approved thoroughly" of the wedding, he said. His father, former Congregational minister in Africa, is employed in Syracuse with the Farmers Home Administration, a federal agency.

McAllester said he began "going steady" with his bride-to-be since January. "We have no definite plans after the wedding. I'll be looking for a job, here or abroad, preferably as a mathematics teacher."

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**THE SCHOOL SAID** that Earlham, a Quaker school, had a policy of making no distinction among students because of race or religion.

"Students of different races live side by side in college residence hall, dine together, and take part in the same college activities," the statement said.

"However, the policy of the college has been to discourage hasty, youthful interracial marriages because they present extra problems which may be almost insurmountable in present-day civilization. The case of McAllester and Miss Cunningham was a direct violation of this well-known college policy established for years."

# College Expells White Boy Engaged To Negro Girl

Richmond, Ind. (CNS).—Here's a completely new twist in interracial affairs. Robert McAllester of Ithaca, N. Y., white, announced this week his engagement to his classmate, Grace Cunningham, a 22-year-old Negro girl of Berkeley, Calif., and his plans to marry her after their graduation in June. Because of their engagement, their college, Earlham College, a Quaker institution which has practiced non-segregation for many years, requested McAllester to leave the school and finish his studies in absentia.

McAllester's family, however, is in complete accord with his plans and announced that they both approve of the marriage and that Miss Cunningham had visited their home. His mother said the marriage will be performed at a Quaker meeting in Ithaca. And she added, "It seems strange that a Christian college should feel so strongly against such a union."

The college's President, Thomas E. Jones, said, "The college has regulations against such impetuous things. . . The college does not stand by and let people get into this difficulty without counselling them." Thus the college exiled Mr. McAllester because such marriages "present extra problems which be almost insurmountable in the civilization of today."

McAllester is the son of a former Congregational missionary to Africa.

# White Youth Engaged to Negro Leaves College on Its Advice

RICHMOND, Ind., May 5 (UP).—A white student who announced his engagement to a Negro student, reluctantly agreed to leave Earlham College on advice of disapproving school counselor, but said today he would marry the girl in June.

Robert McAllester, twenty-three, a senior at Earlham and son of a former misssionary to Africa, returned to his home at Ithaca, N. Y., "very disappointed" because school counselors said he acted "hastily" in announcing his engagement to Miss Ruth Cummings, twenty-two, of Berkeley, Calif. The counselors advised him to leave college.

**Can Continue Work**

They granted him permission to continue his work toward a defree at home and emphasized that he was not expelled, although he had violated the school's policy. Miss Cunningham remained here to continue her classes.

The school said that since anti-slavery days Earlham, a Quaker school, had a policy of making no distinction among students because of race or religion.

"Students of different races live side by side in college residence halls, dine together and take part in the same college activities," the statement said.

"However, the policy of the college has been to discourage hasty, youthful interracial marriages because they present extra problems which may be almost insurmountable in present-day civilization. The case of McAllester and Miss Cunningham was a direct violation of this well known college policy establisher for years."

Mr. McAllester said his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. McAllester, "Have approved thoroughly" of the wedding.

Mr. McCallester said the decision to leave school was reached after long conferences with school officials who considered the course "the most lenient."

Earlham College recently figured in publicity over a Chinese family voted down in an attempt to move into the all-white district of Southwood, at South San Francisco, Calif.

Sing Sheng, the twenty-five-year-old son of a former officer in the Chinese Nationalist army, and his wife, the former Grace Wu, attended Earlham and were married by Earlham's president, Dr. Thomas Jones, in his home on the campus.

United Press Photos.

ROBERT McALLESTER. GRACE CUNNINGHAM

# White-Negro Betrothal Has Campus 'Sympathy'

## 'Just In Love,' Girl, Senior, Informs AFRO

### Wedding To Follow Gaduation; Broke Quaker School Rule

By CARDELL W. McVICKERS
AFRO Staff Correspondent

RICHMOND, Ind. — Although her blonde finance has left Earlham College because the institution objected to his engagement to her, the marriage will come off in June as per schedule, Miss Grace Cunningham told the AFRO here Saturday.

Miss Cunningham, a 22-year old senior from Berkeley, Calif., emphatically denied that there was anything "impetuous" about the romance between she and Robert McAllester, also a senior.

It was Dr. Thomas E. Jones, president of the small Quaker college, who described the affair to newsmen as "impetuous."

"We are very much in love and intend to marry as soon as we graduate," she declared. "Robert will return for commencement and we hope to graduate together."

**Sticks To Fiancé**

The romance attracted nationwide attention, because of the play given it by the daily press.

Young McAllester, the son of a former African missionary for the Congregational Church, elected to leave the campus rather than disavow his betrothal at the insistence of the school authorities.

In a statement to the AFRO, President Jones declared: "The school has regulations against such impetuous things."

The regulation, Miss Cunningham revealed, is a rule passed in 1948, which reads:

"We will counsel and discourage and, if necessary, prevent interracial marriages in our student body."

**Once Forbade Dating**

This rule, however, was a liberalization of the previous rule on the subject. Before the change, students of different races were not permitted to date and socialize.

That rule was relaxed when the new regulation was adopted.

Both Miss Cunningham, who is a political science major, and Mr. McAllester, who is majoring in mathematics, were called on the carpet by the administration.

She advised them that she had obtained the consent of her parents to marry the man of her choice.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cunningham. Her father is a graduate of Earham and a social worker in Berkeley. The family are Quakers.

She has a younger sister, Miss Barbara Cunningham, attending the California College of Arts and Crafts.

**He Leaves Campus**

Advised that their romance could not continue on the campus, Mr. McAllester preferred to leave so Miss Cunningham could remain.

He will continue his work in absentia by mail and will be eligible to graduate with his class.

Asked how long they had known each other. Miss Cunningham declared: "Long enough to fall in love."

They have been dating each other for a year and a half, but experienced no difficulty either from the faculty or their fellow school mates, until they announced their engagement.

**Has 760 Students**

Earlham has an enrollment of 760 of which approximately a score of more of them are colored students.

Supported by the Society of Friends, it maintains a non-segregation policy and encourages exchange of foreign students.

Asked if the rule against interracial marriage was applicable to Asiatics and other races, school authorities told the AFRO that so far the problem had not arisen.

But, it was added, it was reasonably certain the rule was all inclusive.

Dr. Jones, the president of Earlham, at one time was president of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. While at Fisk, he was known among students and alumni as a liberal on racial matters.

Miss Cunningham has already visited the home of her fiance's parents, she told the AFRO. The trip to Ithaca, N.Y., was made during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Allen E. McAllester, mother of the ousted student, revealed that she and her husband approve of their son's choice for a bride.

"It seems strange that a Christian college should feel so strongly against such a union," she said.

*By the United Press.*

RICHMOND, IND., May 5.—Earlham College students "generally sympathized" today with a white senior and Negro coed who announced their engagement, student spokesmen said.

Most felt the contemplated marriage of Robert McAllester, Ithaca, N. Y., and Grace Cunningham, Berkeley, Calif., was "inadvisable" but that it was "their own business."

Mr. McAllester, who has returned to his home, said he was forced to leave the campus. School officials, however, said he "agreed to leave."

One student, a member of the student senate, said he didn't believe "Bob and Grace would have become engaged if they were of the same race."

He apparently referred to a report that the students were forced into the engagement by a group of students agitating for a "cause."

Mr. McAllester said he and Miss Cunningham would be married June 6 in a Friends (Quakers) meeting house at Ithaca and that both their parents approved.

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Maryland (With white Americans)

# Prison Terms Break Up Mixed Family

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Mrs. Alice Johnson, white Californian, spent a few last moments with her 15-moth-old baby girl and her attorneys, Thursday, before Baltimore Judge Joseph Sherbow sentenced her and her colored husband to prison terms in a bad check case. With Mrs. Johnson are Robert Watts and Milton Allen attorneys. The 22-year-old matron and her husband William Johnson, were separated from each other and their baby because of the court edict. The husband was sentenced to three years, and the wife to one.

# 'Runaway Lovers' Give Up, Jailed

## Father of Five Children, Girl, 15, Surrender

By FRANK WHISONANT
(Courier Staff Writer)

**DETROIT—The 22-year-old father of five children and the 15-year-old Syrian brunette, with whom he ran away more than a month ago, are in police custody this week. She is charged with immorality. He is charged with statutory assault.**

**The couple was taken into custody last week when they returned from Chicago, Ill., and went to the girl's home at 652 W. Chicago Boulevard.**

**Robert Woods and Marian Sarcus were a bit perplexed at being taken into custody, because, Woods said, the Sarcus girl's parents had promised him, during a phone conversation in Chicago last week, that there would be no charges placed against him if the girl was returned.**

**Woods, who says he feels badly about the way he has treated his wife, Grace, 20, and their children, said he had wanted to come home several weeks before, but that Miss Sarcus threatened suicide each time he talked of it.**

**He said he finally induced her to accompany him back to Detroit when he learned that his wife and children had been evicted from their home at 5774 Lorraine. Woods' wife bore her fifth child while he was off on the "spree."**

**As for Miss Sarcus, she reportedly told policewomen that she is still in love with Woods and wants to marry him. She also reportedly said she could not think of living without him.**

**As to marrying the young girl, Woods said he is uncertain. He is not certain whether his wife wants to take him back either.**

**Woods was arraigned in Recorder's Court Monday morning before Judge Gerald W. Grant and placed under $3,500 bond. Examination date was set for March 24.**

**The couple told police that they had lived for two nights, Feb. 3 and 4, in the Paradise Hotel, 710 Madison, before catching a bus for Chicago. The hotel was issued an ordinance ticket for permitting the juvenile girl to register there.**

**Although Mrs. Woods was very definite last week in stating that she intended to divorce her husband, this week she says she is uncertain.**

MARIAN SARCUS
*. . . threatened suicide*

ROBERT WOODS
*. . . what to do!*

**She said she also could not understand the actions of the Sarcus family who had told her that they did not intend to prosecute her husband as long as their daughter was returned safely.**

**The family had also offered a reward to anyone who brought the girl home. Woods apparently doesn't know about that.**

**Miss Sarcus is held in the Juvenile Detention Home, Woods in Wayne County jail.**

## Porter, 42, Weds White Girl, 19

DETROIT—Love triumphed over prejudice and opposition last week, when a 19-year-old, beautiful white girl married a 42-year-old porter, over the bitter opposition of her mother.

The marriage was revealed in Recorder's Court on Aug. 28. The girl, Miss Margaret McCann, was arrested on Aug. 20 on a vagrancy charge after she was discovered living with Clyde Smith of 8626 Woodrow Wilson St. The couple was married two days later.

At the Aug. 20 hearing, Miss McCann was released to her mother, Mrs. Helen McCann. She promised to remain in custody of her mother while the case was being investigated.

**Returned to Lover**

According to the probation report, however, Miss McCann refused to accompany her mother home and returned to Smith's home, where she was later arrested.

A cash bond was posted immediately for her release.

On Aug. 28, Recorder's Judge Gerald W. Groat placed Mrs. McCann Smith on one year's probation and charged her $10 costs.

In an exclusive interview, Mrs. Smith said:

"I am happy, I don't think I could have married a nicer man than my husband. I love him and he loves me. We don't care about the opposition and about what people may say.

**Wants Husband Accepted**

"I told my mother that she will have to accept my husband into the family circle," Mrs. Smith said. "She replied, 'I am not prejudiced.'"

Mrs. Smith said that her mother often boasted that she is not prejudiced against colored persons, but the daughter declared she believes in racial segregation.

Born in Terre Haute, Ind., Mrs. Smith said she has lived in Detroit since the age of 3.

"I began associating with colored people when I attended the Goldberg Trade School here," said Mrs. Smith, adding, "I had some colored girl friends and met their male friends while visiting them.

"To me, these youths were the same as the white, so I started to going out with them and liked it."

**Met Smith at Party**

Mrs. Smith revealed that she met her husband two years ago, at an interracial party. Asked whether it was love at first sight, she replied, "No."

"About two months ago," said Mrs. Smith, "I called Clyde up. We had a date together, and that was the beginning of our romance which ended in a happy marriage."

Smith refused to talk. He would not permit the reporter to get a picture of his bride and himself. He allowed his wife to answer all of the questions.

**Way to Spread Democracy**

Mrs. Smith said that her husband is employed in a downtown hotel. He is a native of Indiana, and has lived in Detroit most of his life.

"I want everyone to know," said Mrs. Smith, "that we are happy. When we go out together, people look at us like they are crazy, but we keep our heads raised and pay no attention.

"One of the best ways to spread democracy is to put it into reality through interracial marriage," Mrs. Smith said.

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# Miss. Segregation Laws Hit Oriental War Brides

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**JACKSON, Miss.—Tough veterans of the fighting in Korea who bring their Japanese and Korean war brides home to Mississippi are being 'stabbed in the back" by the state's segregation laws.**

**The service men are learning to their dismay that** their marriages are illegal under state statutes, as the laws forbid the marriage of white persons to Negroes or Mongolians.

Violators are subject to prison terms up to 10 years and/or fines as high as $500.

Some Mississippi soldiers and sailors have brought their Oriental wives home to meet the folks, but have "high-tailed" it to happier "spooning grounds" in more liberal states.

To date, only two have dared defy the law and establish residence in Mississippi.

One of the mixed couples lives on the Keesler Air Force Base Reservation at Biloxi, Miss., where the sergeant is stationed with the Air Force, away from the state's jurisdiction.

The other is living in Greenville, Miss., where the officials "see and don't see."

However, under the statutes, John Doe can file a complaint and force the matter into court.

Most of the service men look with bitterness upon the legal barrier to their living with Japanese or Korean wives in the state.

Some state officials look with sympathy upon the plight of these men and their wives, but can do nothing without endangering the state segregation laws and leaving them open for attack.

The problem was laid before the recent session of the State Legislature and was thoroughly debated in committee. It is not likely that any action will be taken to legalize the marriages.

The situation is regarded as a "boomerang," wherein laws created to "keep Negroes in their place" are indirectly shackling unfortunate veterans whose ancestors perhaps had a hand in making them.

# Redhead's Story Of Lewd Love Jails 'Playboy'

## White Girl, 22, Says She Gave Sport $50,000 During 5 Years She Trafficked Illicitly In N.Y.

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK — A 38-year-old Harlem man was remanded to prison here last Thursday after a 22-year-old white girl testified that she gave him $50,000 which she earned as a prostitute during a five-year period.

A three-man court found Bernard Payton, 2434 Seventh Ave., Harlem guilty of "Living on the earnings of a prostitute" and remanded him to jail to await sentencing next year.

Payton was arrested by Det. Phillip Curtin of the 28th Detective Squadron on March 13, 1951, on charges filed by Gladys McDonald, white redhead, who admitted to the court that she had been a prostitute since she was 14 years old.

**Earned Money "Hustling"**

Miss McDonald, who said that she could not remember how many times she had been convicted as a prostitute, told a grand jury—and later the court—that during the period between 1945 and January 1951, she gave Payton $50,000 in money she earned from "hustling" in the vicinity of Broadway and 58th St.

The short, buxom redhead said early this year she met and married a white man who owns a coffee house on E. 28th St. downtown and that, before marrying him, she told him that she had lived with Payton and of her relations with him as a prostitute.

She said she then told Payton that she had been married and that she was going to quit "hustling," but that Payton beat her and refused to believe her.

**Introduced to Husband**

The woman said she took him before her husband and showed him their marriage license but that Payton threw it on the floor and walked away from both of them. She then swore out a complaint for his arrest.

The three-judge court was intensely interested in the details of how Miss McDonald went about averaging 10,000 a year from prostitution. Time and again they questioned her as to her method of operation, the amount she charged her "customers" and why she gave the money to Payton.

Answering their questions, she said she met Payton in 1945 and he "taught" her how to "make money hustling." She admitted that she had "hustled" before, but said Payton showed her how to "make money at it."

She said a woman named "Mae" who lived with her at Payton's apartment on St. Nicholas Avenue had taken her to 68th and Broadway and showed her how to "hustle" at Payton's request.

**"From $100-$200 a Night"**

After she learned the business, she said, she would start work each night about 9 p.m., pick up men in the Times Square area and take them to various hotel rooms. She said she charged them from "$20 to $50" and that her average nightly earnings were "between $100 and $200 a night."

She said she would stop work about 5 a.m. and return to her hotel. There, she said, she would turn over the money to Payton. When asked by the court why she did this, she said it was more in the manner of a "loan" which she never got back.

One of the judges then leaned forward and said: "Wasn't the money given to Payton because you loved him" Miss McDonald answered, "Yes." The judge then asked, "Were you ever in love with him" She answered, "Yes." But she added that she "fell out of love" with him after he beat her.

**Payton "Taught" Her "How"**

Miss McDonald testified on how Payton "broke her in" to making money.

She said he once took her to a room and told her a man was inside who would give her $10. She went inside and had sexual relations with the man and he gave her $10. When she came out, she said, Payton was waiting and "he took the $10."

She was asked if Payton had ever given her money. She answered that he had, but denied that it amounted to anything near what she had given him.

The defense, led by Sam Seigal, ttorney, attempted to show, that Miss McDonald had "loaned" the money to Payton. At times she changed her testimony and said the money had been a "loan." During such times, she looked wistfully at Payton, seated at her left.

**Didn't Want to Hurt Him**

But the court reminded her to look straight at the judges when answering questions. Then a judge said, "Isn't it true that are saying you loaned this money because you do not want to hurt the defendant." She answered, "Yes."

She said that Payton beat her mainly about her drinking and admitted being a "heavy drinker." When a judge asked her if Payton ever beat her because she did not bring in enough money, she said they had had arguments about that at times.

But she said if she brought in between "$50 and $60" as her night's work, he was generally "satisfied."

During the trial, Payton sat sullen in the courtroom and looked straight ahead. He is of medium build, dark complexioned, was dressed well and his head showed signs of balding at the top. A report that he is married could not be confirmed.

**Former Businessman**

Testimony brought out that Payton once owned a lunch counter concession in a drugstore on St. Nicholas Ave., that he once had a three-hour cleaning establishment at 140th St. and Eighth Ave. and that he is a tailor by profession.

He was said to be unemployed at the time of his arrest.

Miss McDonald was asked by a judge how she ate during the time she was "hustling" for Payton. She said she had an account with a restaurant and that Payton paid the bills for her food.

The witness gave various addresses in Harlem as places she had lived while "hustling." She admitted living with Payton at times and having sex relations with him. She also listed other of her male friends as "John Woods" and a man named "Arty."

**Wide Interest in Case**

The case attracted wide attention here and the courtroom was filled all during the trial.

At the conclusion of the trial the district attorney asked the court to issue a warning that if anything happened to Miss McDonald the authorities "would know where to look."

He said Miss McDonald had been threatened and that the people who threatened her "are in this courtroom right now."

The court refused to issue such a warning and the defense made a motion for mistrial, but it was denied. One judge dissented in the guilty verdict.

Officials of the court at first sought to clear the courtroom and prevented outsiders from hearing the testimony, but attorneys for Mr. Payton asked that the public be permitted to hear the case.

**$50,000 Prostitute**

Gladys McDonald, an admitted prostitute, tries vainly to shield her face from the camera after testifying in Special Sessions Court last Thursday that she gave a Harlem colored man $50,000 in money which she earned as a prostitute in a five-year period. The man, Bernard Payton, was remanded to prison on charges of "living from the earnings of a prostitute." (Campbell Photo)

# Heiress' Suicide Ends War Romance

## Elizabeth Adams Wright Takes Life With Gas In Bronx Home

NEW YORK — Mrs. Elizabeth Adams Wright, socially prominent white heiress and war-time bride of Artist George Wright, committed suicide Wednesday night by turning on the gas jets of her kitchen stove and sealing the window frames with paper in her Bronx apartment at 3435 Kingsbridge Ave.

Wright, whose interracial marriage to the former Elizabeth Adams in 1945 created a sensation because of the social prominence of her father, the late Dr. Thomas S. Adams, said his wife had been "disturbed about conditions."

He said Mrs. Wright "had lost faith in the world" after Russia showed herself to be no better than the Hitler government.

**Son of Well-Known Family**

The son of a well-known colored family, Wright, 44, attended Knoxville College in Tennessee and met his wife at the Carver Institute for adult education.

Mrs. Wright's father was a professor of political economy at Yale University before he died, was author of many of Wisconsin's tax laws and for many years an advisor to the U.S. Treasury Department.

Both Dr. Adams and his wife were dead at the time of their daughter's marriage, but Wright admitted that his marriage was "against the wishes of a close relative."

**Husband Finds Body**

Mrs. Wright's body was discovered by her husband when he returned to their apartment Wednesday night. She had attempted to scrawl a note to him, beginning with "Dear George," but apparently was overcome by the gas and the note trailed off into illegible scribblings.

She was left a trust fund by her father which paid her $5,000 a year. Wright said this money would now revert to her son by a previous marriage. Mrs. Wright was 41.

## Negro Artist's Wife Ends Life by Gas

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The marriage of a Yale University professor's daughter to a Negro artist ended Wednesday with her suicide by gas, apparently in despair over world conditions.

She was Mrs. Elizabeth Adams Wright, 41, daughter of the late Dr. Thomas S. Adams, Yale economics professor.

She was married in 1945 to George Wright, a member of a well-to-do Honduran shipping family. They fell in love while he was a wartime merchant marine officer and she was a librarian at the Carver Institute for Adult Education.

Mr. Wright, a professional photographer and modernist painter, said yesterday:

"She was very disturbed about world conditions. When Russia was our ally, she felt that the Soviet and the United States could become a great influence for peace.

"But when Russia showed itself no better than the Hitler government she seemed to lose faith in the future of the world."

Mr. Wright said she appeared cheerful when he left their home in the Bronx Wednesday. When he returned home he found her dead. Four jets of a gas stove were open. Doors and window frames of the kitchen were sealed with paper.

## Mixed Couple Takes Marriage Vows In Ithaca

ITHACA, N. Y. — (INS) — Grace Cunningham, 22-year-old Negro graduate of Sarlham College, was married Wednesday to her white classmate, Robert McAllester, in a simple Quaker service at Ithaca.

**The couple, whose romance attracted nationwide attention when McAllester left the Richmond, Indiana College because of love for Miss Cunningham, departed on a honeymoon to an undisclosed destination.**

In addition to both sets of parents, 55 persons were present.

# Grads Wed

## Quaker Rites Held On Cornell Campus

### White Student Left School Rather Than Give Up His Colored Fiancee

ITHACA, N.Y. (ANP) — Love conquered racial barriers here last week when two graduates in this year's class at Earlham College, were married in a Quaker ceremony on the Cornell University campus.

The newly wedded couple is Robert McAllester, white, 23, Ithaca, the son of a former Congregational missionary in Africa, and the former Miss Grace Cunningham, 22, Berkeley, Calif.

The couple became engaged while students during their last semester at Earlham college, a Quaker institution located in Richmond, Ind.

**Robert Asked To Leave**

Announcement of the engagement produced mixed reaction from students and members of the faculty at the school which long had been looked upon as one of the most liberal colleges in the country.

Its president, Dr. Thomas Jones, who formerly headed Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., staunchly opposed the marital plans of the couple.

After a conference attended by the students involved and faculty members, Dr. Jones advised McAllester to leave the school and continue his studies by mail. Miss Cunningham, however, was allowed to remain at the school.

McAllester completed his requirement by mail and both were graduated Monday, June 2.

**Parents Of Both Approve**

In defending its position in the affair, Earlham said it had a non-segregation policy but discouraged interracial marriages because "they present extra problems which may be almost insurmountable in the civilization of today."

However, many of the students on the campus took a different attitude toward the couple's engagement. They expressed the opinion that it was McAllester's and Miss Cunningham's own business.

Parents of both students approved the marriage. McAllester's mother, Mrs. Allen E. McAllester, said the couple is "spiritually and mentally equipped for whatever life holds."

**Unafraid of Future**

The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Cunningham, drove here from Berkeley, Calif, for the wedding. The couple plans to live in Berkeley.

Asked whether he thought the marriage would affect his getting a job, McAllester, who majored in mathematics. said: "Yes it will make a difference, but I imagine good jobs will come."

To reports that some predicted their marriage would not last, McAllester told newsmen: "I'm not convinced things will be as bad as some people would have you believe."

When asked if he would raise a family, McAllester replied: "I don't see why not, do you?"

The bridegroom's father is now with the Farmers' Home Administration in Syracuse.

The former Miss Cunningham's father, Clarence M. Cunningham, is a social worker.

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# 'Mexican-Negro' Couples Jailed by Texas Jim Crow

By LORENZO DE ABER
(Exclusive to Courier)

CUAUTLA MORELOS—During the past few weeks the city of San Antonio, Tex., has enforced a law which prohibits the association of white and colored people in either public buildings or on the street.

Effect of this insane law is to cause ninety per cent of the Mexicans who visit that city to live separate from their wives. In Mexico there is no discrimination and it is a fact that ninety per cent of the marriages are between whites and colored. Sometimes it is a white husband and a colored wife, at other times it is a case of a white wife and a colored husband.

**When such couples go to the city of San Antonio, Tex., they are separated at once by this crazy law and in a number of cases such couples have been arrested and taken to jail.**

**Mexicans and other Latin Americans do not know of this color discrimination and, unwittingly, go to Texas and immediately land in prison. Naturally the Mexican Consulate makes a protest and at once such people are released, but they are told that it would be best that they immediately leave the city so as not to be rearrested.**

How can Texas have a so-called "Good Neighbor Commission" which states that Texans are friendly with all Latin Americans and at the same time imprison them when they come to visit the state under discriminatory laws?

Your correspondent is white, while my wife is colored. I naturally pass through the State of Texas without running the danger of arrest.

Naturally I try to by-pass Texas by coming north through the State of New Mexico. But under such laws I am in a position where I certainly cannot tell my relatives and Latin-American friends that I come from a free, democratic country. If I do so they know that I lie.

**IN THE COURIER** of Feb. 23 I told you the truth about Governor Shiver's visit to Mexico City. Two days ago I received a note from by Mexican friends who are correspondents for American papers. The note warns me not to visit the State blame me for this?

**Naturally Governor Shivers is angry. He knows that the article under my name is being reprinted in many Latin-American papers and will undermine this "Good Neighbor Commission" which has as its sole reason the exploitation of ignorant peons from Latin America. He further knows that wherever the story is printed in Latin America it will mean that he and his commission will not be welcome, unless such welcome is forced by politicians who wish American money.**

The trouble with his commission is that it it not even well received by ninety per cent of the Texans who are forced to support it with state funds. They know that the commission has but one single purpose and that purpose is to force wages down in Texas by the use of illegal labor. No man with any sense would be in favor of such a policy, and he knows this as well as I do. He is a leader of those who believe in state rights.

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**MUCH IS** published in Mexican papers about this so-called states' rights. It is a system of slavery, pure and simple. When Mexicans or other Latin Americans read the truth about such a system, can they be friendly to those who advocate it? My answer is "No." And if that is the reason I am to be arrested if I of Texas for there are orders out to see that I am punished for what I wrote. I intend to continue writing the truth. But I will stay away from Texas. I don't like their jails. Can you visit Texas, I will stay away. I prefer to be free and live in a free nation. That is why I am here and why I married a colored Mexican. I prefer that way of life.

# Japanese Bride, GI Win Home

DETROIT—It took five years to do it . . . but East and West HAVE met!

Sgt. Alexis Porche, native of New Orleans, La. . . . and his shapely, sloe-eyed, well-born Japanese beauty, the former Miyo Matsumoto, 26, are in Detroit this week with their 11-month-old baby, Mayumi.

**Theirs was a romance which started as the aftermath of the Hiroshima bombing and ran the gamut from a Japanese-conducted marriage ceremony to final recognition of the consummation by the American Consul.**

**The final action by the Consul gave little Mayumi a homeland and American citizenship, but thus far has left her mother with only temporary visiting privileges to America.**

**When the atom bomb fell on Hiroshima, it left in its fateful wake a chance meeting between the Japanese beauty and Sergeant Porche.**

**He first glimpsed her carrying her aged, dying father on her back, away from the debris that had shattered the lives of so many of her countrymen.**

The meeting blossomed into a solid friendship, then love and finally a marriage conducted in Shinto rites.

**SUCH A** marriage between U. S. soldiers and Japanese brides was not recognized by American authorities. Their children were not considered American citizens and a soldier could not bring his family to the United States.

**For three years, as did other soldiers, Sergeant Porche waged a battle to have his marriage recognized by the American Consul.**

**He had good reason. One child was on its way and he wanted to assure its heritage.**

**Unfortunately, their first baby did not live and after a time, Mrs. Porche was again expecting.**

Little Mayumi was also born before her parents were declared legally married by the Consul. Two months after her birth, the recognition came through.

**BUT,** with his long-awaited action, Sergeant Porche tasted a bitter-sweet victory. He was forced to leave Japan, he said, because of his sympathies toward the Japanese people, but he had won the fight to have his child recognized as an American citizen and to bring his wife to the United States.

She was not granted citizenship, however, and is in this country on a six-months visa.

Sergeant Porche, now on a thirty-day furlough, is spending his leave with his family at the home of his sister, Mrs. Samuel B. Milton, wife of the Wayne County Coroner. He will report to Aberdeen, Md., March 8.

## 3,000 Mulattoes Among 94,000 War Babies

BONN, Germany. — (ANP) — The federal parliament reported last week that there are 94,000 illegitimate children, 3,000 of whom are mulattoes, fathered by occupation troops in West Germany, and demanded that the Western nations help support them.

This report was revealed by the 1950 census. Communist deputies threw some barbs about the morals of Western troops. Other deputies countered charging that many Russian troops were rapists.

**Study in Emotions—** Pretty little Mayumi Porche, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Alexis, expresses her delight with her new homeland—America — as she becomes a study in emotions at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Samuel B. Milton, in Detroit, Mich.—G. Makel Photos.

## Occupation Soldiers May Legitimatize Brown Babies"

BONN, Germany —(ANP)— The United States government last week took a step to clear the way for American soldiers to accept responsibility for their children by German women.

The United States high commissioner here published a law allowing GI fathers to legitimate their children. The act must be a voluntary one on the part of the father, however, and he must first obtain permission from the commander-in-chief of United States forces in Europe.

Knox Lamb, assistant general counsel of the high commissioner, said the soldier must have written permission from United States Army headquarters before he can go into court to legitimate his child.

Of the 94,000 illigimate occupation children in Germany, some 3,000 supposedly were fathered by Negro American soldiers.

When the West German peace contract with the western nations goes into effect, German mothers may sue a western soldier to establish the paternity of her child and collect financial support. The peace pact will not become effective until October or November, at the earliest. Then German courts will have jursidiction in a paternity suit against a soldier.

## NEGRO CHILDREN IN W. GERMANY PLACED AT 3,000

NUERNBERG, Germany, July 21 (AP)—Dr. Elisabeth Meyer-Spreckels, chairman of the Protestant Women's club, told an anti-racial discrimination conference today that 3,000 children with Negro blood have been born in West Germany since the war.

"In West Germany a Negro child is positively the son of an American soldier," she said. "My recommendation to the United States army is, please don't send us any more Negro soldiers."

The conference was sponsored by the United States high commission. Twenty-two German educators discussed ways of making Negro children more welcome in public schools.

**'East-West' Meet**—After four years of complicated technicalities surrounding the acceptance of their marital status by the U. S. Consul at Yokohama, Japan, Sgt. Alexis Porche, his Japanese wife and their daughter, Mayumi, finally find happiness in America, at the home of relatives in Detroit, Mich.—G. Makel Photo.

# AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF JAPAN LEAVES 200,000 CHILDREN IN ARMS OF UNWED MOTHERS

## Negro GIs Left a Few But Majority Result From White Fathers Who Abandoned Offsprings

## ORIENTAL GIRLS IDEAL SWEETHEARTS

By ALBERT ANDERSON

ATLANTA.—(ANP)—There is a new kind of "brown babies" being born into the world these days. They represent a problem even greater than the orphaned tan youngsters which Negro soldiers left in England and Germany during World War II.

This new crop is the result of white American soldiers and Japanese girls. In almost every instance the white soldiers have abandoned their offspring. Usually they have left them with their mothers who were unable to support them and promptly turned them over to orphanages. These orphanages, inadequate and overcrowded, are unable to handle the big load being thrust upon them.

A few of the babies are really brown, the product of colored soldiers and Japanese girls, but there were not too many Negro soldiers stationed in Japan under Gen. Douglas MacArthur's regime.

The great majority of new browns are light tan, adorable, roly-poly, cut kids with jet black hair cut straight across the bangs. The truble is that no one wants them. The mothers can't support them. The white fathers forget all about them when they get back home, except in occasional cases. Now and then a white GI tries to marry one of the yellow girls.

Estimates of the number of such children as in the case of the brown babies in Europe vary from 17,000 to 200,000.

One favorable happening is that a number of military outfits have "adopted" orphanages in their areas. In these cases the children get plenty of food and other advantages.

Just what is the attitude of the American soldiers toward these girls and babies they left behind? One of them, the father of two children, gave me an inkling the other day.

Riding on the Southern railroad from Washington to Atlanta, I went into the diner to eat. The steward seated me at a table with a white soldier. Food was slow coming and we sat silently, now and then glancing at one another.

Finally I had to ask him for salt after lunch had been served. That broke the ice. He was a **sergeant. His home was in Colorado. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He had been in Japan six years. He would like to have remained for another enlistment but the new rotation law passed by congress calls for soldiers in foreign service to rotate every so often, and he had to come back to America. He had** enjoyed Japan.

He talked about life in Japan. He spoke of the Japanese girl he had "bought." What do you mean, "bought?" I asked. He explained that he had lived with her and provided for her.

"Did you like her?" I asked.

"Sure I did," he said. "She was an all right girl but of course I could never think of bringing her back here to America. Some fellows do that, but I don't see how they can. Those folk can't be happy in America. They are used to a different life."

"Besides, I did all right by her. I sent her to a school run by some Nisei and she learned to speak English better than I can. I left her with a four-room brick house I built two years ago and a couple of kids to remember me by."

"How do you think she will get along?" I queried.

"Well she ought to do all right. She's a smart girl and if the going gets hard she can always sell the house. I left it in her name."

# Education Of Germany's Brown Babies Is Studied

MUNICH, Germany—Germany's brown babies, left behind by U.S. colored troops, are posing a pressing problem this fall as many of them, now school age, are entering public schools here.

Between 600 and 700 of the 3,093 colored children reported in the West German Federal Republic are now old enough to start their childhood education.

Educational authorities and persons concerned with social welfare problems have been studying how the colored youngsters should be treated, and confort to work out a method which will give them "a real sense of belonging" in the community.

**Equal Treatment Urged**

The outstanding emphasis in the discussions has been that the children should be treated exactly as are other members of the community.

The Bavarian Ministry of Eduration, in its instructions to school authorities on the subject, declares that there shall be no segregation and discrimination but that everything must be done to integrate the colored children with others.

The idea that they might be segregated from the rest and placed in separate classes or in special children's homes or similar institutions is condemned by all educationalists on the ground that such a policy would make them children "apart" and only help to strengthen a feeling of inferiority.

The World Brotherhood for Christian and Jewish Cooperation, in a working conference of 50 teachers and youth leaders in August, drew up an 18-point resolution that among other things appealed to the United Nations to make an addition to the Geneva Convention, in which the legal status of children of members of the military forces, occupation powers and of other nations should be established nationally.

Legal equality, under the United National Charter, was also urged.

# 'Brown Babies' in Germany Face

By COLLINS C. GEORGE
(Courier Staff Writer)

BERLIN—Berlin's "brown babies," all too visible reminders to the Germans of the tragic days of defeat, face a difficult life, and apparently there are too few in America, where most of their fathers are, who care.

There is one outfit here in Berlin, however, that does have a conscience. The men of the 558th Honor Guard Platoon, besides being a crack military outfit, are also men who can't bear to see these little ones suffer. They have organized a Negro-German baby relief fund and every week each member of the outfit digs in his pockets to contribute.

The trouble is that there just aren't enough men in the 558th to take care of all these kids. In the Berlin area these brown baby waifs number at least 200.

The best the 558th can do is to manage a basket every other week to sixty of these kids and their mothers . . . thirty this week, thirty next. It is not enough.

The church helps some and some have been abandoned by their mothers to orphanages. The tragedy of the life they face is not eased much by that.

The majority of the mothers, however, love the children of their dark conquerors and are willing to brave the basic, protestant disdain of the Berliners. They know that there are far more children here left by the white soldiers, but the mothers of those children can pretend widowhood or divorce from a German soldier. The mothers of the brown babies have no such out . . . yet they love their children and because of their love they face bravely the scorn and ostracism which is their lot.

These are beautiful children. In their veins flows the blood of our finest young men. Yet, through no fault of their own, they face a stigmatized life . . . and their fathers have forgotten.

The men of the 558th Infantry Rifle Platoon are doing what they can, but they can't do it all. They cannot appeal to you in America to aid their little financial effort, but there's nothing to stop you from sending some help to their Negro-German Baby Fund, c/o the 558th Infantry Rifle Platoon, APO 742, c/o Postmaster, New York.

Corp. Curtis Amos of the 558th who has starred in German films and is a veteran of twelve years of Army service, begs: "Let them know back home what these kids face. Make them realize that we can't afford to let our own blood down . . . especially when the fault doesn't belong to these beautiful kids."

**Brown Babies**—"Brown babies" are back in the news in Germany where the government is asking that arrangements be made for the support of thousands of them sired by Negro GI fathers to German frauleins. Significantly, nothing is being said about the many more thousands sired by white U. S. GIs to German frauleins. These are typical babies and their mothers.

## Count 3,000 Tan War Babies In West Germany

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# 'Brown Bomber' Pays Visit To Japan's 'Brown Babies'

JOE LOUIS VISITS ORPHANS IN JAPAN

*... former champion brings cheer to Our Lady of Lourdes home in Yokohama*

U. S. CENTRAL COMMAND, Japan—One highlight of the recent trip of former champion Joe Louis to Japan will long be remembered by the ex-champion. It was his visit to Yokohama's Our Lady of Lourdes Baby Home, where he saw many war babies, among them the "brown babies" of Japan.

Louis visited the foundlings prior to two exhibition bouts, the gate receipts from which were divided between Our Lady of Lourdes and the Elizabeth Saunders Home in nearby Oiso. At Our Lady of Lourdes, which the former champ visited at his own request, he presented 54,000 yen to the Mother Superior. The yen had been donated by the Tokyo VFW chapter.

During his visits, the ex-champion found that soldiers of the Far East Command, particularly Negro soldiers, are doing an excellent job in supporting this orphanage. One unit has pledged approximately $1,000 a month towards its support and is paying the money regularly. The orphans at Our Lady of Lourdes are not only the children of Negro soldiers, but whites as well. As for the Japanese themselves, they want no more mixed babies, regardless of the color of the father.

Louis seemed particularly interested in the future of the bright youngsters, who are being supported entirely from voluntary donations from American GIs and U. S. veterans' organizations in Japan. He found things going very well, indeed, for the GIs are doing their part.

# German War Bride Living Here

Mrs. Gertrude Finney, shown here with her 1½-year-old son, Ralph Jr., is now living in Baltimore with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Edna L. Finney, at 2036 McCulloh St. Mrs. Finney married her husband, Lt. Ralph Finney, in Nuernburg, Germany in July, 1949. Lt. Finney is now stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis. Little Ralph Jr., was born in January, 1951, in Tacoma, Wash.

# 3,000 GI Children German Problem

NUERNBERG, Germany — Dr. Elizabeth Meyer-Spreckels, chairman of the Protestant Women's Club, last week urged U. S. Army authorities "Please don't send us any more Negro soldiers."

She was speaking at an interracial discrimination conference where forty-two German educators were discussing ways of making Negro children more welcome in public schools. Three thousand are in West Germany.

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War ii War Babies

Germany (officially the West German Federal Republic) has 3,093 brown babies. Of the total, between 600 and 700 are now of school age.

*Prefers U. S. Bachelor*

# German Mother Of Brown Baby Wants Husband

## Waited Six Years for GI-Father of Child To Keep His Promise; Now She's Convinced She'll Never Again Se Man Who Won Her Love

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

**BERLIN, Germany—"Brown babies" aren't the only folks who are finding it difficult to win a little love and affection here in the Reich. Their mothers are also.**

**Ilse Reiman, whose physical attributes are enhanced by blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking to communicate with a bachelor in the 40 or 50-year-old bracket in the United States, who would be "willing" to support her and her little daughter "in return for my love and affection."**

**The Deutsch lass, whose address is listed at Berlin-Steglik, Bjornstrasse 23, U. S. Zone, Germany, approached the Courier with a plea that her story be placed within its pages.**

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**SHE EXPLAINED, "I am German-born with blue eyes, blonde hair, and considered by some as being attractive.**

**"Immediately after the war I met an American soldier whom I fell in love with and became engaged to. But, later, his stay in Germany terminated. He left me with the request that I wait for him and he would come back to Germany and get me and our little daughter with which I was begotten before he departed for home.**

**"Since then, I have waited for him six years, but in vain."**

**Miss Steiman told the Courier, "You must have received several letters of this nature."**

*Gov. Byrnes, Please Note*

# No School Bias For German Brown Babies

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**MUNICH, Germany—There will be no segregation of "brown babies" in German public schools, the Bavarian Ministry of Education announced this week.**

**The question of what to do about the brown babies (offsprings of American soldiers and white German women during World War II) has puzzled German and American authorities since many of the children are approaching school age.**

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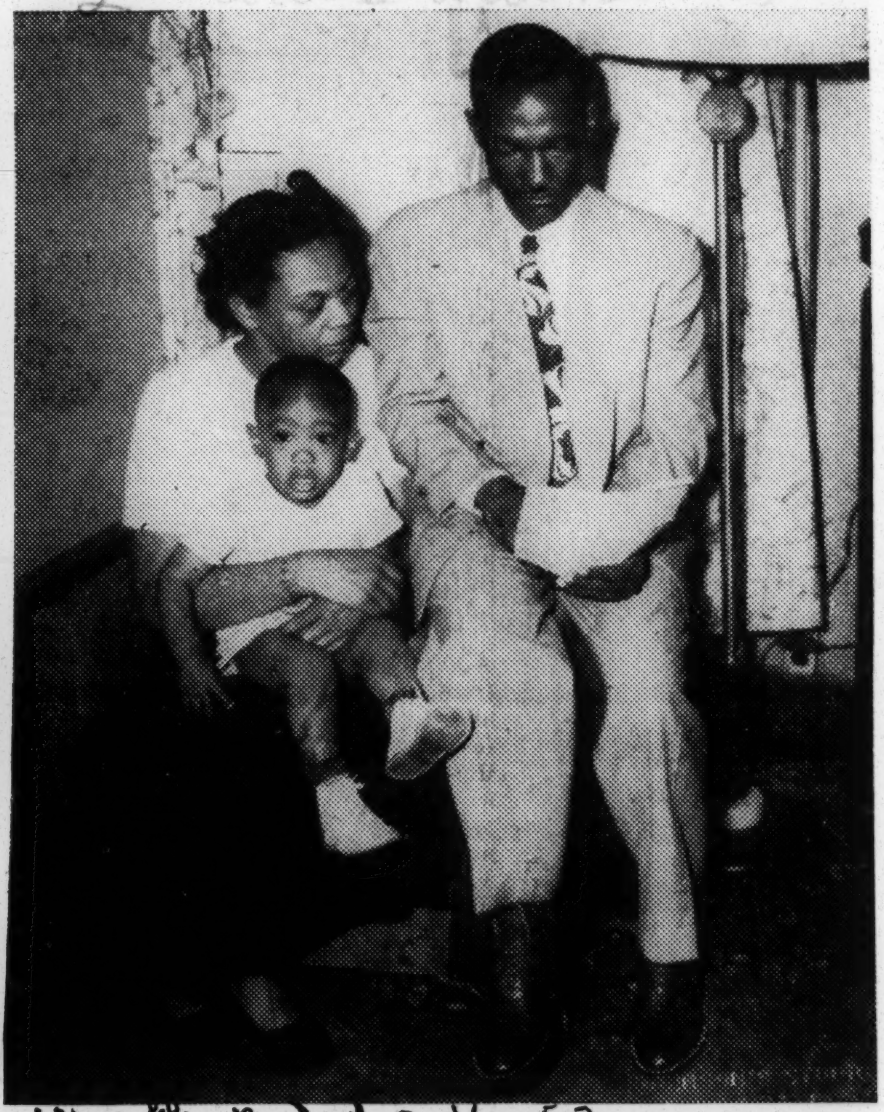
Some officials suggested separate school systems, but the ministry's order made it plain that brown babies are to be treated just like any other children in the community.

# French War Bride Takes Children Home

Mrs. Odette Jackson, French war bride convicted of stabbing her American husband to death because he beat her, walks on deck of liner Ile De France with her three children before sailing from New York for France, Dec. 26. She was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, but the court released her provided she return to France. The children, left to right, are Veronica, 4; John, 5, and Lorraine, 3. The 27-year-old Mrs. Jackson's comment as she boarded the liner was "All men aren't bad."

# To Adopt German Brown Baby



Like hundreds of other American Negro parents over the nation, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Chase, 2004 St. Ann, will soon become the adopted parents of one of Europe's "Brown Babies." They are shown here reading a letter from a German mother at Nurenberg, Germany, who is seeking to have her four-year-old baby girl, whose father is an American Negro veteran of World War II. Ronnie, three-year-old son of the Chases, "knows that the whole thing is in the bag" and doesn't appear to be worried at all. See story.—(Robinson photo.)

# Feminine Front

By LULA JONES GARRETT, AFRO Woman's Editor

## Kipling Erred — The Twain Met, Are Married

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. George Brown, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown in Baltimore, this week, prove that West can meet East and form a happy combination. Sgt. Brown, shown with his wife, the former Chivuyo Perane of Japan, and daughters, June and Gloria, 3 years and 19 months, respectively, met at a service club in Japan in 1946, were wed a year later. He's a career Army man, and is being sent to Ft. Benning, Ga., but, says he, will have Mrs. Brown and the children live in Baltimore until he has another assignment.

### NEGRO CHILDREN STUDIED

Offspring of U. S. Soldiers Are a Problem in Germany

NUREMBERG, Germany, July 22 (Reuters)—Welfare officials of Barconia opened a conference today to discuss the problem of the 3,000 Negro "occupation children" in West Germany, now old enough to enter elementary schools.

The children are the illegitimate offspring of German mothers and United Sttaes Negro troops who served here during the war. Altogether there are about 93,000 illegitimate children fathered by Allied troops in the country.

Case workers reported that Negro children in their care were well up to the average standard in intelligence and physical fitness, and added that most of their mothers had reared them with a devotion greater than that shown by many mothers of white illegitimate children.

CHICAGO, July 22 (AP)—Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, today called "silly and presumptuous" a request by a German woman that the United States Army stop sending Negro soldiers to Germany.

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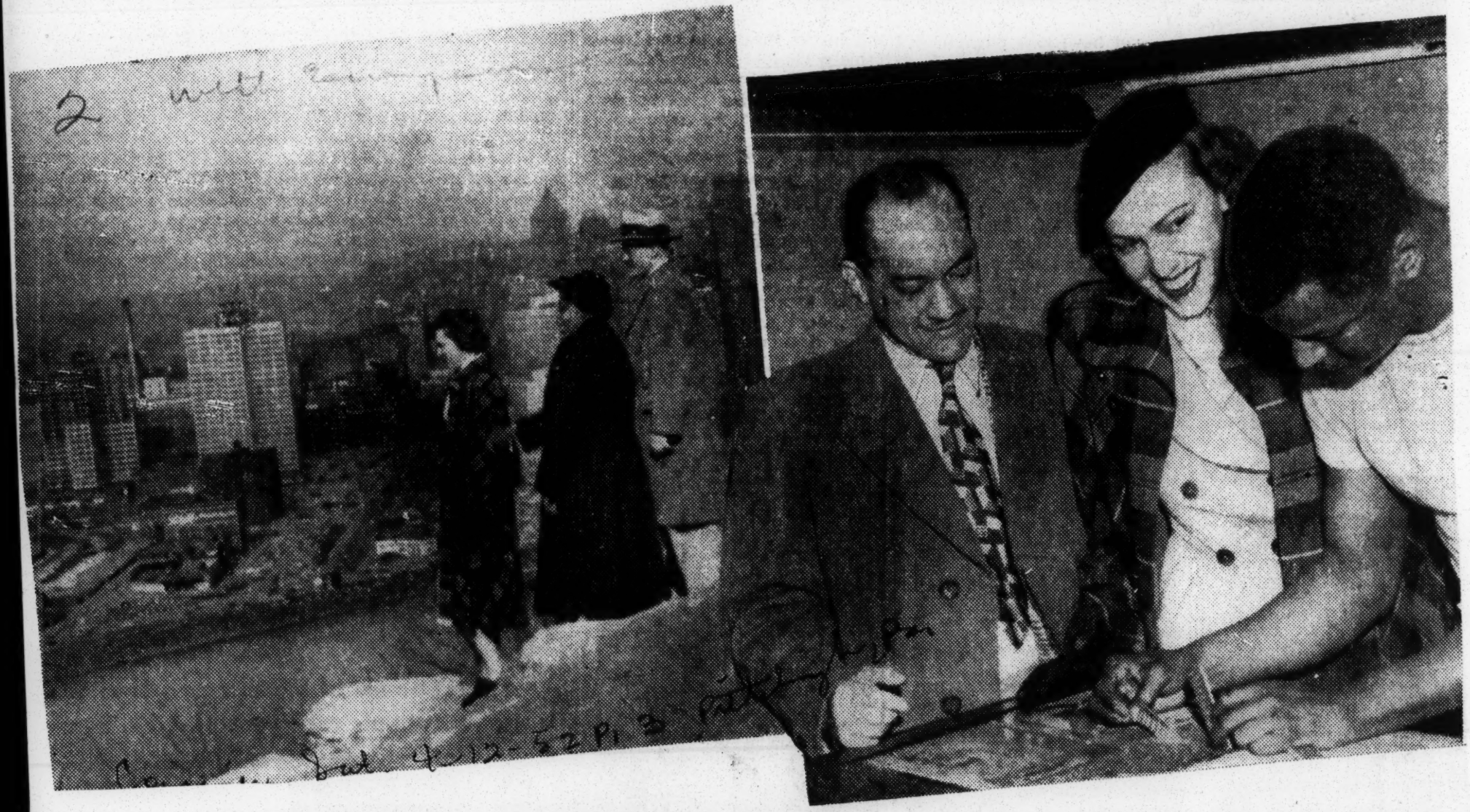
# Ex-GI Who Renounced American Citizenship Returns to U. S. With



**Back Home With Bride**—Ex-GI Arthur Taylor, who returned to Europe after the last war and renounced his American citizenship, is back home in Pittsburgh Pa., with his Czechoslovakian bride . . . for good. During a tour of the Courier plant with his bride last week, Taylor said: "I'm glad to be back home." Left: Taylor and his bride, Gertrude, look at Pittsburgh from atop Mount Washington. Woman in black coat is Courier reporter, Alma Polk. Center: The Taylors watch Charles (Chuck) Edmunds make up Courier front page. Upper right: Mr. and Mrs. Taylor dine at parents' home, and Mrs. Arthur Taylor Sr. His mother serves him while his sister and father look on. Bottom right: Presbyterian minister the Rev. Harold A. Tolliver, counsels Taylor and his bride.—Teenie Harris Photos.

# Ebony says Negro GIs defying red tape to marry Japanese

CHICAGO — Hundreds of Negro GI's are defying military red tape to marry Japanese girls, Ebony magazine says in a revealing illustrated article in its current issue.

Though the red tape the GI's encounter is agonizing, these marriages have been the most successful of any war marriages with much less divorce and desertion than occurred with chuckie wartime romances in Europe," says Ebony.

In reciting typical cases of Negro soldiers marrying Japanese girls, Ebony reports that in some instances they go through the motions of the Shinto wedding ceremony; that Negro GI's married to Japanese girls are a clannish lot and spend much of their spare time visiting with each other; that about 50 percent of them already have children; that many of the husbands are trying to get their wives to forget ancient Japanese customs; that most of them live very comfortably in modest, neat apartments, and most of the GI's are planning to bring their Japanese wives and children home as soon as it can be arranged.

**PROVE KIPLING WRONG.**—The couple shown above recently proved that Rudyard Kipling was wrong when he said, "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet." Sergeant Moses T. Hughes of Taft, Okla., not only met the former Miss Sakiko Yoshita of Yokohama, Japan, but he married her. The couple visited The Call Wednesday enroute to Sergeant Hughes' home. They arrived in Seattle, Wash., Monday from Japan, where the soldier met Miss Yoshita while he was serving with the Occupation forces. He later served 14 months in Korea then returned to Yokohama to marry her. After a 30-day furlough at home, Sergeant Hughes will go to Fort Sill, Okla., for reassignment. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Hughes of Taft, he has been in the army eight years.

# Honeymooning In Orleans

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In New Orleans this week are MASTER SERGEANT and MRS. AUGUST BOREE, who are spending their honeymoon here after arriving from Korea where the New Orleans GI served with the transportation corps of the U. S. Army. His bride, the former Miss Mizueko Fukuoshimi of Tokyo, Japan. See story. (Staff Photo by Hall.)

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**VISITS HOME WITH WAR BRIDE**—Sfc. Paul L. Shaw and his Japanese wife, Mishiko Shaw, and their small daughter, Paulette, who recently returned to the United States visited his mother, Mrs. Ella Shaw, and his sister, Mrs. Sammye Duncan, of Pine Bluff. Sfc. and Mrs. Shaw were featured in the March Ebony, "The Truth About Japanese War Brides". Sfc. Shaw entered the armed service in 1945 and left for overseas service in 1946 where he served in Japan and Korea for 66 months. He was married to Mishiko Kawashima in June of 1950. He received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Korea and is now assigned to Percy Jones Army hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan. The couple and their daughter along with Sfc. Shaw's sister visited in Little Rock last week. —PRESS foto by Davy.

# Groom Defies Dad To Marry Singer

**LONDON—Blues singer Pearl Bailey and Louis Bellson, jr., white drummer in Duke Ellington's band, said they would go ahead with their marriage and their respective careers despite strong objections from members of the groom's family.**

Miss Bailey, 34, greeted her musician fiance, 28, on his arrival at London airport from New York Sunday.

They confirmed plans to climax their month-old courtship with a civil ceremony at London's Caxton Hall registry office this week despite threats by Bellson's wealthy father to disown him.

Miss Bailey, for whom this will be the fifth marriage, said:

"We are definitely getting married. As far as I am concerned, there is only one race—the human race."

Bellson discounted his father's threat to disown him, saying:

"I don't think he means it. He's a bit confused. He's listened to too much local town gossip.

"I believe he is opposed to my marriage to Pearl because he feels it may interfere with my career. That's not true."

Bellson said he will remain in London until Miss Bailey finishes her two-weeks engagement at the Colony nightclub and then both will return to the United States.

The musician's father, Louis Bellson, sr., a music dealer in Moline, Ill., sent his prospective daughter-in-law a lengthy cabled plea not to go through with her wedding plans.

Miss Bailey commented that her husband-to-be had proposed to her and it was up to him to make the decision about their marriage. She added:

"He's a wonderful guy. We both have the same likes and dislikes." Louis and I can both earn our own livings."

The two met some time ago through their theatrical work, but it was understood Bellson did not get serious about marriage until about a month ago.

Miss Bailey recently made New York headlines when she was beaten by an unidentified anti-Negro assailant as she was leaving a Fort Lee, N. J., night club.

Frank, 29-year-old brother of Louis, said the drummer had been escorting Miss Bailey, as far as the family could determine, for about a month. He said his brother and Miss Bailey have known each other for a longer time but could not say how long.

The brother disclosed that the senior Bellson "was broken up" on hearing news of the romance from Louis about a month ago. Frank said he and his father went to New York where the Ellington band was playing and attempted to dissuade Louis from the marriage.

Frank indicated that the family had never met the singer and definitely have nothing against her. But Frank said his father feels that she "should stay within her race."

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**She's Boss Now!**—Singer Pearl Bailey and her new hubby, jazz drummer Louis Bellson, are looking up after their wedding in London last week. Pearl's wedding went off despite the objections of the groom's father.—INS Photo.

*But, Louis Is OK*

# Pearl Is 'Fighting Mad' With In-Law

By GEORGE PADMORE

(Courier London Correspondent)

LONDON, England—Pearl Bailey and her newest husband, jazz drummer, Louis Bellson Jr., settled down to the business of married life on a blissful note here last week after the singer had exploded with wrath in the face of protests against the wedding from her new father-in-law back in Moline, Ill.

The senior Bellson had sent Pearl a three-page telegram prior to the wedding, threatening to disinherit his son and protesting the merger with the statement, "I don't want colored grandchildren."

**Pearl had also been told by the irate parent, "There are millions of men of your own color you could marry, so please drop the whole thing."**

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**PEARL, FIGHTING** mad over the wire, which arrived here before her husband's plane, asserted, "I don't want to hurt old man Bellson, but he should remember that I have a greater claim to being an American than he. He is an Italian by birth and a naturalized American. My father is half-Creek Indian . . . and the Creek Indians watched Christopher Columbus arrive."

**Louis' mother took a different view of the proceedings and wired the couple, wishing them "all the happiness in the world" and adding that upon the couple's return to the United States, "my home will certainly be opened to you both."**

Bellson explained, "My father is silly to talk about his money. I can earn good money myself. He is not really prejudiced against colored people. He always taught me that race prejudice was wrong. What is wrong with him is that he is just prejudiced about women at the moment.

"He and my mother were divorced two years ago after having been married for thirty years. So the old man is all upset about women and really does not object to Pearl's race or color."

**PEARL CHIMED in, "Let him keep his money. I earn $3,000 a week in the States, so no one can say I am marrying Louis for money. We love each other because we have so much in common. We both love music, poetry and solitude."**

**After the wedding, Pearl announced that she had forgiven her father-in-law. She explained, "It's not his fault. I blame others who have been talking to him."**

Jose Ferrer was best man at the ceremony which was enlivened by the music of the Jimmy Walker Quartet which serenaded the newlyweds before hundreds of onlookers with "The Hawk Talks," a Bellson Jr. composition.

The couple was toasted at a wedding reception held in the West End Hotel to the tune of popping corks from bottles of champagne. The couple will reside in Pearl's West End flat while the singer completes her current engagement at two local night clubs.

# Pearl Kisses the Best Man

**A La Ferrer**—Jose Ferrer, the inimitable, bestows a jewel of a kiss on Pearl Bailey's lips after the latter's marriage to drummer Louis Bellson in England last week. Jose was best man at the wedding which took place in London's Caxton Hall.—INS Photo.

# Sailor Misses Wife's Funeral

## Leaves Town Before Funeral of White Wife Who Died in Tennessee Hotel

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—A United States Navy sailor flew here last week from California, made funeral arrangements for his blonde white North Carolina wife and then left town before the services.**

Ethridge Darby arrived here early Tuesday after obtaining an emergency leave through the American Red Cross to fly here to make final arrangements for his 27-year-old mate, Bonnie June.

Mrs. Darby was found dead in a local hotel room Sunday when the manager received no answer to his knock. He was delivering a letter from Ethridge. The Knox County Coroner declared death was caused by a heart condition.

THE NEWTON, N. C., woman arrived here Sept. 21, and had been working, Detective Sgt. Carl Bunch said. Bunch said the woman had been dead since Friday and found laying in the bathroom, partially clothed, where she had apparently been geting ready for bed. The room was locked from the inside and entry was gained after a window in the fire escape, was broken.

The letter to Bonnie June, opened with "Dearest Darling," it was reported, and been mailed from California. Police would not reveal the entire contents.

Mrs. T. C. Bright of Newton, mother of the dead woman, was here for the funeral and did not know her daughter was married to Darby until the morning of the funeral.

A RELIABLE source reported that Darby was asked not to attend the funeral which was held at 2 P. M. Wednesday, he was not there.

The funeral home, where Mrs. Darby was taken, refused to give newsmen the details of the family and printed only a notice of death and time of services in local newspapers. Survivors were not mentioned and Mrs. Darby's home town was not given.

Local papers carried news stories on the discovery of the body, but did not report details.

The mother and several relatives attended the funeral yesterday and burst into tears when the preacher said, "She gave her heart to God."

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NO MENTION was made of the woman's relatives and the sermon consisted only of scriptures and the reading of a poem.

Two solos were sung in the fifteen-minute service. Some ten wreaths beautifully decorated the small chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Darby were married just after World War II in Hawaii, while she was serving in the Wacs and he was in the Navy.

Darby was flown to Knoxville by the Navy. Police and the funeral home reported they did not know where the husband was staying here and he left while newsmen combed the city for pictures and "his" story.

Mrs. Darby's relatives also stayed at an "unknown" address.

# Son Defies Dad To Claim Pearl As His Bride

## Mother Disagrees; Will Welcome Singer; She Hugs Her Fiance

(Special To The AFRO)

LONDON — Throwing herself into the arms of drummer Louis Bellson Jr.. blues singer Pearl Bailey greeted the white musician here Sunday and announced she will marry him despite his father's threat to disinherit him.

"There's only one race," she cried as she broke away from Bellson's hug. "That's the human race."

Bellson, 28, drummer in Duke Ellington's band, flew in from New York less than 24 hours after his wealthy father cabled Miss Bailey, 34, to call off the wedding.

The laughing couple told newsmen they will be married Wednesday at Caxton Hall registry office.

Back in Moline, Ill., Bellson's father, owner of a chain of midwest music stores, declared he still hasn't changed his mind.

"I am in no mood to have a colored granddaughter," Louis Bellson Sr. said.

The drummer's mother, three

PEARL BAILEY

years divorced from Bellson, said it is "perfectly all right" with her concerning the marriage.

The elder Bellson disclosed Saturday to the press that he is "dead set" against the interracial match, remarking:

"If they go through with anything like this, we (his wife and himself) won't have anything to do with them—and that goes for both of them."

Meanwhile, while the two musicians' match is being objected to in the U.S. by the white prospective bridegroom's father, down in Rio de Janeiro, the National Council for the Protection of Indians is objecting to the marriage of an 18-year-old orphaned native princess to a Caucasian man in a Christian ceremony.

The betrothed girl, whose native name is Diaci, meaning Prairie Flower, was flown from the Mato Grasso state of the Kalapalos tribe in the heart of Brazil, by plane, to appear before the NCPI, this week.

The group is to decide whether or not she may become the bride of Ayres C. Cunah, whose marriage proposal she has gladly accepted. She is temporarily residing in a specially built bamboo hut on the outskirts of the city, which the mayor of Rio de Janeiro had built just for her.

### Dad Is Peeved

In the American case, AFRO reporters were unable to contact young Bellson, who is playing an engagement in London, to learn his reactions to his father's telegrams and telephone calls asking him "to drop the whole matter.'

The businessman said he has nothing against Pearl Bailey's race, "but I think she should stay within her race."

He said he told his son that if the marriage took place, he did not want him to use the Bellson name.

### Miss Bailey Divorcee

Young Bellson, 28, was a former drummer with Benny Goodman's orchestra. Miss Bailey, in her 30's, was formerly married to Ralph Harlan, well known Washington sportsman, and is the sister of Bill Bailey, famed tap dancer.

The talented matron has appeared on the screen, in night clubs, on the radio and on television programs.

# *Miss Smith Weds Harvard Instructor in Appleton Chapel, Cambridge Rites*

MR. AND MRS. JAMES DONALD REPPERT
*... wed in Cambridge, Mass.*

By BALI SCHALK

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Simple and lovely was the marriage ceremony of petite and exquisite Joan Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Kelley Smith of Columbus, Ohio, and Boston, and James Donald Reppert, son of Peter Reppert Sr., of Allentown, Pa., held last Saturday, Nov. 29, in historic Appleton Chapel in Harvard Yard, Cambridge. Dr. Willard Sparry, dean of ministers of Harvard College, performed the ceremony.

A huge blanket of colorful and fragrant autumn flowers covered the little altar in the quaint chapel in the famous Harvard College yard.

The dainty and radiant bride came down the aisle on the arm of her father, gowned in a satin and lace ballerina-length gown. Her veil fell from a juliet cap of exquisite French lace and she carried a bouquet of colorful autumn flowers.

Her only attendant was her dimpled sister, Jocelyn, a student at Michigan University.

Jocelyn wore a beautiful gown of blue net and satin with matching coronet and for her flowers she carried a sweet nosegay.

Serving the groom as best man was James Libby of Boston, while the ushers were Eugene and Robert Garvis of Harvard.

The bride's gracious mother chose for her gown an aqua-silver marquisite with an orchid corsage and a chic chapeau of aqua feathers.

Following the ceremony a brilliant reception was held at the exclusive Window Shop Restaurant in Cambridge.

The bride is a graduate of Radcliffe College, while the groom is a graduate of Harvard College and is now working for his doctorate at Harvard and is on a teaching fellowship.

The young newlyweds will make their home at 4 Carver Street, Cambridge. Among the many out-of-town guests who attended the ceremony were: the John Jay Sawyers of New York, Mrs. Corrine Farrier of Waterville, Me.; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Glen Ridge, N. J.; Dr. and Mrs. Chester Chinn of New York, H. Estelle Fitzgerald of Bridgeport, Conn.; Miss Lititia Young of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. James B. Ward of Columbus, Ohio, and New York City; Peter Reppert Sr. and Peter Jr., of Allentown, Pa.; Sephine Burstin of New York, and Mrs. Russell Jones of Providence, R. I.

## Pearl Bailey Back With Husband

Pearl Bailey, Negro singer, and her white bridegroom, Louis Bellson Jr., arrived at Idlewild Airport today after honeymooning two weeks in London. They picked up her car at a West Side garage and left for Philadelphia to visit her mother. From there they will drive to California.

Associated Press Wirephoto Via Radio From London

PEARL BAILEY AND LOUIS BELLSON DANCE AFTER LONDON WEDDING

# *White Drummer Weds Pearl Bailey In London's Jiviest Ceremony*

## Swing Band Plays Groom's Tune

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Heading the band was Jimmy Walker, sounding soft notes on a soprano clarinet. The others had accordions, drums, and cymbals.

The brief civil ceremony was performed by Chief Registrar James D. Holiday in the same room where he married British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Prime Minister Churchill's niece, Clarissa Churchill, August 14.

**Confident of Father**

Bellson was all smiles as he hugged his 34-year-old bride. He told newsmen he was confident of winning over his father, a Moline, Ill., music-store owner who threatened to disown him if he went through with the marriage.

"I hope he will be reconciled to this," the bridegroom said. "I am very happy. Mother is all right and I'm sure father will eventually come around to our way of thinking, once he's met Pearl."

A drummer with Duke Ellington's band, he and the dusky American night-club entertainer met six weeks ago in Washington. She is now starring in a London night spot, the Colony Club.

Bellson was married in the same gabardine raincoat and red scarf he wore in flying the Atlantic from New York Sunday.

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**She's Nervous But Happy**

The vivacious Pearl—a bride four times before—said with a chuckle:

"I'm still a little bit nervous, but oh, so happy!"

Everyone was in a jivy mood—even the policemen, who hesitated at first about the swing band parked on the steps of Caxton Hall.

Even the fact that there was a substitute best man and a substitute ring didn't dim the festivities.

Actor-Director Jose Ferrer, who was to have stood up fo rthe couple, failed to make it. Fog delayed his flight from Paris.

The $1,200, diamond-encrusted wedidng ring Bellson brought from the United States was too small—but he had hurriedly purchased a plain gold band. He fished this from a pocket of his raincoat during the ceremony.

Siegi Sessler, owner of a swank drinking club in Berkeley Square, offered himself as a substitute best man.

**Will Return to U. S. Soon**

The beaming couple hugged and kissed as the ceremony ended.

Then Sessler invited everyone to a wedding reception of champagne and pheasant he was throwing for the bridal couple at his club.

Bellson said later that he and Pearl intend to return to the United States at the end of the month.

They hope to come back to England in a few months, however. Pearl is due to make a motion picture here.

"I'll come with her," Bellson said. "I may do some concerts."

The elder Bellson, owner of the Bellson Music Co., Moline, told a newsman he cabled Miss Bailey in London Saturday asking her to "drop the whole matter."

"I have nothing against her race," he said, "but I think she should stay within her race."

# Pearl Bailey Sets Date To Wed White Drummer

LONDON, Nov. 16—(INS)—Negro blues singer Pearl Bailey and Louis Bellson Jr., white drummer in Duke Ellington's band, said on their reunion in London today they plan to go ahead with their marriage Wednesday come what may.

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# Door Closed If Son Weds Pearl Bailey

MOLINE, Ill., Nov. 15 (AP).—A Moline businessman said Saturday his son and Negro blues singer Pearl Bailey plan an inter-racial marriage but that he is trying to talk them out of it.

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He said Miss Bailey and his son, Louis, Jr., 28, drummer in the Duke Ellington band, plan to be married Wednesday in London. The Negro singer is in her 30s.

**To wed in London**—Negro jazz singer Pearl Bailey, and her white sweetheart, drummer Louis Bellson Jr., embraced at London airport yesterday after Bellson's arrival from New York. Miss Bailey told newsmen "We will definitely get married at Caxton Hall (London Registry Office) on Wednesday, maybe sooner." Bellson's father, Louis Sr., a music publisher from Moline, Ill., sent Miss Bailey a three-page telegram objecting strongly to the planned marriage. Young Bellson denied a New York report that he had jilted a white show-girl, Iris Burton, (Associated Press wirephoto.)

# Negro singer, white musician to wed despite his father's plea

LONDON, Nov. 17—(AP)—Pearl Bailey, popular Negro blues singer and her white fiance, Jazz Drummer Louis Bellson Jr., say "definitely" they will get married tomorrow or the day after despite his father's objections to the mixed match.

The smiling American couple hugged and kissed warmly when 29-year-old Bellson, a member of Duke Ellington's band, flew in from New York yesterday. Miss Bailey, 34, has been appearing here in the chic Colony Club.

Bellson told newsmen his father, Louis Bellson Sr. of Moline, Ill., had cabled him a warning he would disown him if he marries his Negro sweetheart. But nothing, young Bellson vowed, will halt the couple's plans.

THEY HAVE the blessing of Bellson's mother, who yesterday told reporters in Moline that when the pair return, "my home certainly will be open to them. I wish both of them all the happiness in the world. My son is 29 and he certainly knows what he's doing."

Bellson Sr., a music store owner, refused to talk to reporters, but sent word by his wife that he "will never be reconciled to the marriage. Earlier he had fired a long, protesting cable to Miss Bailey in London.

At London airport, husky, good-looking Bellson said, "It's not like my father to act this way. He's a bit confused and influenced by local town gossip."

Voluptuous Miss Bailey smiled and commented, "There is only one race—the human race." She added, "We will definitely get married at Caxton Hall (London Registry Office) on Wednesday—or maybe sooner."

Associated Press Wirephoto

**Singer Pearl Bailey and drummer Louis Bellson, jr., were married yesterday at London's Caxton Hall. Bellson, 29, is a drummer in Duke Ellington's band. Miss Bailey is 34.**

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# Pearl Bailey, Hubby Dance In Street After Marriage

BY WALLACE HULLETT

LONDON, Nov. 19 — (INS) — Blues singer Pearl Bailey and Louis Bellson, Jr., a white musician, were married Wednesday and then "sent" hundreds of British hepcats by dancing in the street in a wild bebop celebration.

The Bellsons swung and jigged, letting off steam after a 'real gone' ceremony that seemed to be a nightmarish ordeal of things gone wrong.

Miss Bailey, wearing a mink coat and flashing a huge diamond ring, showed up ten minutes late for the civil ceremony at Caxton Hall Registry. Bellson, also late, appeared in an ill-fitting blue suit he had to borrow because his clothes trunk failed to arrive in time from the United States. He had to search frantically for the ring before placing it on the singer's finger.

And best-man José Ferrer just didn't appear.

The usually exhuberant Miss Bailey lost her voice and spoke in a whisper, even though this was her fourth marriage. It was the first for Bellson.

So it was small wonder at the celebration that followed.

Even Hubert, the pet tomcat at the staid old registry office, where the ceremony was performed, was "sent"—to the basement in bewildered fright.

Miss Bailey, 34, and her husband, 28-year-old drummer in Duke Ellington's band, were just starting their celebration, however.

Bellson entertained on the drums—he's the only well-known musician who can play two bass drums at the same time—at a private wedding reception held in Seigi's Polish Club in swanky Mayfair, and really let loose.

While 50 Negro and white guests clapped hands in unison and shouted their acclaim, Miss Bailey sat nearby, admiring her husband's artistry.

"I'm too nervous to eat," she said. "All this is just crazy. But we're happy. Oh my, we're happy."

Bellson kept repeating "I'm the luckiest guy, and you can say that again."

His father, a Moline, Ill., music dealer, has threatened to disinherit him, but his mother sent her blessings and congratulations by cable.

After things quieted down a bit, the couple announced they will spend a 24-hour honeymoon in Paris this weekend, between the singer's appearance at a London nightclub.

The marriage ceremony was simple, despite the hitches that developed.

The ceremony was performed by Registrar James Holliday in a room decorated with yellow chrysanthemums an danemones. The 20 guests included Cab Calloway and members of the London cast of Porgy and Bess.

The newlyweds hugged each other after the ceremony as the guests applauded, then all headed for the street, where Jimmy Walker's British "Quintet" minus the piano, started a jive serenade with Bellson's original number, "The Hawk Talks."

Miss Bailey waved the marriage certificate before Bellson and said above the din: "I'm your ruler now."

"I'm satisfied," Bellson grinned.

Bellson called his wedding "A real gone affair."

**BLUES SINGER PEARL BAILEY, 34,** and Louis Bellson, Jr., 28-year-old white drummer in Duke Ellington's band, are shown as they arrived in London for their wedding which took place Wednesday. — (International Radiophoto)

**Married:** Negro blues singer PEARL BAILEY, 34, for the fourth time, and white jazz drummer LOUIS BELLSON Jr., 29, for the first; in a civil ceremony in London,

International

**The Bellsons: Father disapproved**

Nov. 19. The wedding took place despite Bellson's father, who sent Miss Bailey a three-page telegram from Moline, Ill., objecting to the interracial marriage.

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With White Americans (California)

## No Divorce

Burnu Acquanetta, 29-year-old film star, who announced in Los Angeles last week that she will not divorce her 71-year-old husband, Henry Clive, white, famed magazine illustrator against whom she filed suit last March. The actress, who is really Mildred Davenport, a Germantown, Pa. lass who made good in Hollywood, at one time attended W.Va. State College. Her relatives still live in Pennsylvania.

## To Shed Mate

Mildred Davenport, who is known in the movies as Acquanetta, is planning divorce action against her second husband, Henry Clive, white, the well-known illustrator. In 1950, she divorced her first mate, Lucio Baschuk, the multimillionaire importer. The Philadelphia-born girl, who found fame in Hollywood, reigned as Miss W. Va., State College days. Her family still lives in Norristown, near Philadelphia.